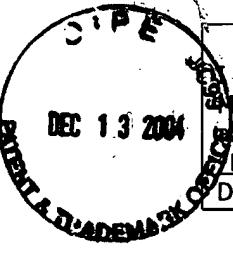


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2004, Applicant respectfully elects Species A, associated with Figure 1, with traverse. The following discussion in the "Remarks" section, below, includes arguments against the restriction requirement.

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